

City of Shannon Hills, Arkansas
Regular City Council Meeting
Apr 13, 2004

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
The Mayor led the pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Davis, City Attorney Patrick Benca and Aldermen Gina Daniel, Mike Kemp, Rick Tribble, Linda Linkous, and Diane Everett and Recorder-Treasurer Curt Wilson. Alderman Glenn Dinsmore was absent.

Minutes of Mar 9, 2004 regular meeting were approved as presented. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Kemp, Second by Alderman Daniel. Approval was by voice vote with no opposition.

Financial Report: All aldermen reported that they had problems opening or reading the financial report that was sent via E-mail. Since no one had an opportunity to review the financial report prior to the meeting it was agreed that the financial report would be tabled until the next meeting. The Recorder-Treasurer reported that as of the end of March the city had:

General fund checking account ...	\$11,317.48
Payroll Account	<u>\$ 2,349.59</u>
Total General Fund Revenues ..	\$13,667.07
Of which:	
Reader Board Fund.	\$225.00
Emergency Light Fund. ..	<u>\$253.00</u>
Leaving Net General Fund of	\$13,189.07

As a financial overview the treasurer reported that the Municipal Legal Defense fee was paid, in full from the Street fund. That payment was \$5,012.50. It will be up to the Council to establish how that cost should be distributed among the departments. Then other departments will reimburse the Street department as directed.

Alderman Daniel addressed the telephone expenses. She, and other Council members expressed concern about the high costs.

Alderman Daniel also inquired about the rather large expenditure, within the Police Department, for office supplies. The Treasurer reported that that was due to a rather large delivery of Citation books that the police order about every two years.

Following a discussion covering several additional financial issues, a motion to table the March financial report was made by Alderman Kemp. A second was provided by Alderman Everett. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Dept Head reports:

Fire Dept. (Mel Aldridge) reported Twelve (12) Fire and Ten (10) Rescue calls in March for a total of twenty-two (22) calls. A brake job on one fire truck. (First since 1978) cost \$1,785.12. For more details refer to written Fire Department report submitted as part of this presentation.

Police Department: Report presented by Acting Chief David Kennedy.

On March 31 the Police department answered its 261st 911 call for the year. Acting Chief Kennedy read a list of arrest statistics and provided a written report. The written report

will be filed in the Records report binder and is available for public review. Following the report presentation there was some discussion between Acting Kennedy and the Council concerning Auto and telephone expenses and out of town use of police cars.

Public Works (Water & Sewer and Street Depts.): (David Passmore)

Mr. Passmore submitted a written report and supplemented it with a verbal summary. He reported two (2) sewer main blockages were cleared in March. Mapping of man-holes is continuing. To date 142 have been located and mapped. Mr. Passmore reported that several manholes were located that had the framing left in them from where they were constructed. The deteriorating wood could contribute to blockages and should not have been left there. Another project that got special mention was the cleaning of the main drainage basin serving Southfork.

The Water Department financial report reflected \$108,661.06 in the Stephens Account. Income for March was \$35,905.75 with expenses for the month of \$28,244.07. The ending balance for March is \$43,190.80. For additional information refer to the written report that was submitted with the presentation. The report is filed in the reports binder in the Records office and is available for public review.

Mayor Davis announced, in conjunction with the Public Works report, that the procedure had changed concerning water disconnects for failure to pay a bill since the current staff had joined the city. They now use “door-hangers” as a reminder that a bill has not been paid and that service will be disconnected in a number of days if it is not taken care of. Previous method did not provide a reminder.

Court Clerk:

During the month of March the Court collected \$8286.00. During the first thirteen days of April, collections have totaled 2,700.00. In April Court, Charges totaled 159 with 113 Arraignments. 46 cases were scheduled for trial. Eight Failure to Appear warrants were issued. 29 charges were dropped, dismissed or Nol Prossed. The report is filed in the reports binder in the Records office and is available for public review.

Agenda Modification: A motion was made by Alderman Kemp, with second from Alderman Tribble to move Citizen Mary Tuggle to the next position on the agenda. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

Item 1. Ms Tuggle reported a Dog-at-large problem that has been ongoing for some time in her area. The Mayor reported that the city now has a place to take strays and animals that roam freely. He said the city would work to resolve the problem that Ms Tuggle pointed out and that if she, or anyone, could identify where the dogs running loose belonged, the city would appreciate the help and act quickly to try to resolve the problem.

Mayor Davis announced the need to add two, late arising, issues to the agenda. On the Mayor’s request Alderman Kemp made a motion to add the issues to the agenda. A second was provided by Alderman Everette. Motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition.

The Mayor announced the use of a “Consent Agenda” (grouping multiple items for a single vote). The first group is relative to the water & Sewer projects. With that, the Mayor reported the events of a meeting that took place earlier with the Mayor and several other

officials from the city of Little Rock. He then called on Mr. Tim Lemons, of Lemons Engineering to report on the status of several projects related to that meeting and the city Water & sewer department.

Item 2. Mr. Tim Lemons reported on the progress on the Bretchen-Packer Sewer expansion grant project.

Concerning the application for the City Park walking Trail grant, there was no news to report since the city is awaiting information from the grant providers.

2004 Sewer treatment plant & Water system expansion Bond Issue: Mr. Lemons listed a series of tasks related to this topic that have been completed or initiated during the past month.

With respect to the meeting with Little Rock Wastewater, Two major points were made by Little Rock - One positive, one negative from Shannon Hills' point of view. First they indicated a desire to keep Shannon Hills as a customer and indicated that the growth limitation in our current contract could/would be removed. Second, they announced that the 30% discount that Shannon Hills has been receiving on the city wastewater bill will soon be stopped.

Mr. Lemons presented a comparative analysis of the benefits and detriments of staying with the Little Rock Wastewater versus development of our own treatment plant. For details of that and other information provided by Lemons Engineering refer to the written report submitted by Mr. Lemons. The report is stored in a binder in the Recorder-Treasurers office and is available for public review.

At the conclusion of the presentation Alderman Kemp made a motion that the City continue with the current Sewer and Water projects. The motion received a second from Alderman Everett. The Council was polled with the following results: Voting for the motion were Aldermen Everett, Daniel, Kemp and Tribble. Voting against the motion was Alderman Linkous. Alderman Dinsmore was absent. The Motion passed with 4 yes votes, 1 no vote, and 1 absent.

Alderman Tribble Made a motion to bring the previously tabled "Drug Dog" issue to the floor. The motion died for lack of a second. The Drug Dog issue remains tabled.

The Mayor read a list of issues making up a "Consent Agenda". Alderman Kemp made a motion to approve all listed Consent Agenda items in a single vote. The motion received a second from Alderman Daniel. Following several minutes of discussion the Mayor called for a voice vote on the consent agenda items. The motion passed with no opposition.

The items included in the consent agenda were:

- Ordinance # 2004-05. Changes to Donnie Drive at request of home owners on that street.

- Authorize payment of \$5012.50 to Municipal League for membership in Legal Defense Program.

- Authorize expenditure of up to \$100.00 for candy for Easter Egg hunt in 6th annual community Spring celebration.

- Authorize repairs to banks of secondary creek at Lone Pine & Short Morningside to stop erosion.

Authorize acquisition of "Virtual Justice" court software. \$2,100.00 initial Payment and \$250.00 per month thereafter.
Authorize expenditure of additional \$4,000.00 on sidewalk project in order to authorize a change order switching the sidewalk from asphalt to concrete.
Authorize expenditure of \$378.00 to purchase two 2' X 16" Street Banners for City Wide Yard Sale and Food Fest.

Item 3: A Motion was made by Alderman Linkous to enter Executive Session to discuss hiring/firing issues with respect to Police Dept. The motion was approved by voice vote with no opposition. The Council entered Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

The Council Re-convened in open session at 9:10 p.m.

The Mayor reported that while no specific decisions were reached in the executive session it was agreed that some problems existed within the Police Department and that some changes would be made soon. He reported that some research may be requested of the city attorney in order to guide the council with respect to some choices that were pending. There will be 1 or more issues on the May Agenda related to this topic.

Comments from floor:

Mr. Carl Wynn, from Little Rock wanted to discuss an issue concerning a case that is still awaiting adjudication. The mayor stopped him and told him that because of the status and nature of that topic that he and the Council members could not discuss it. He told Mr Wynn that if he wanted to meet with The Police Chief and/or the attorney after the meeting, in private, he could do so.

Alderman Linkous asked about the status of the Pleasant Oaks annexation. The mayor reported that little action had taken place in that area. He said some people were in favor of annexation and others were opposed. More time was being taken for them to discuss it and some may be allowed to annex while others may choose not to.

Citizen Ken Petty raised subject of cell phone costs. A brief discussion followed about the cost of "information" calls and other reasons why phone bills have been increasing recently.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Alderman Kemp with a second from Alderman Daniel. Motion was approved with voice vote. There was no opposition. Meeting stood adjourned at 9:20pm.

Date: _____

Approved: _____
Larance Davis, Mayor

Attest: _____
Curt Wilson, Recorder-Treasurer